GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:739
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RIGHTS TO REFUGEES .
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of refugees are staying/ coming to India;

(b) if so, the number of refugees staying in the country as on date, country-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to bring out a specific legislation for providing basic rights to the refugees;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of the facilities provided by the Government to the refugees in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) & (b): As per information available, the number of Afghan, Myanmar, Sri Lankan and Stateless persons who claim to be refugees and living in India are as under:-

Afghanistan	: 10340
Myanmar	: 4621
Sri Lanka	: 102241
Stateless (including Tibetans)	: 101148

(c) to (e): Government has issued a Standard Operating Procedure for dealing with foreign nationals who claim to be refugees to all State Governments/Union Territories on 29th December, 2011. This Standard Operating Procedure stipulate that cases, which are prima facie justified on the grounds of a well founded fear of persecution on accounat of race, religion, sex, nationality, ethnic identity, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, can be recommended by the State Government /Union Territory Administration to the Ministry of Home Affairs for grant of Long term Visa (LTV) after due security verification. A foreigner to whom LTV is permitted by the Ministry of Home Affairs will be allowed to take up any employment in the private sector or to undertake studies in any academic institution.